1: Holmberg--60-61 (1941-42) 1950 Siriono
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"So intense is the individualism of the Siriono and so elastic the legal system , that crime and punishment are rare. Murder is not condoned but is almost unknown. Only two cases, both of which happened a number of years ago, came to my attention. In one of these a man killed his wife with his bow and arrow during a drinking feast, and in the second a man killed his sister by throwing a club at her from a tree. In both instances the murderers were banished (or left) the band for a considerable time, but they returned later and resumed normal life.

Cases of premeditated murder were unknown. Informants told me, however, that under circumstances of this kind the lex talionis would be rigidly applied. Accidental homicide is not punished, [61] and other offenses against life, such as abortion and infanticide, seem to be unknown. "